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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the attorney of record, Ferris Lander, on December 12, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Abstract of the Specification has been replaced by the following Abstract:

The present invention provides a sound activated detection system disposed within the conveyor and/or hammer roll area of a reduction mill for detecting unshredable materials fed into the machine. More specifically, an embodiment of this invention comprises a unshredable debris detector disposed in operative relationship in the material input path and includes a transducer, preferably a piezoelectric crystal, acoustically coupled to a sensing surface disposed transversely across a portion of the input path. Alternative embodiments may include one or more accelerometers, microphones, or other vibration or acoustic sensors either alone or in conjunction with the transducer for detecting the unshredable material.

Drawings

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Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g).

Also, Figures 4, 5, and 9 are too informal as some of the references are not legible.

Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, including Gerner, disclose a reduction mill comprising a conveyor and a protective apparatus for providing a signal indicative of the presence of non-frangible foreign object at a predetermined location along a predetermined path. However, the prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious all of the details of the limitations of independent claim and, in particular, a piezoelectric transducer attached to a sensing surface mounted in operative relationship with a conveyor for traversing flow of reducible material wherein the sensing surface is vibration isolated.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. They include Van Der Beek et al. (US 6,766,971), Hadjinian et al. (US 5,881,959), and Gerner (US 5,230,475).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Y. Pahng whose telephone number is 571 272 4522. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571 272 4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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